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GERMAN ARMY CLOSE IN ON SERBIANS

Making the Position of the Serbian Army in the North More Precarious

SERBIANS ARE WITHDRAWING TO MOUNTAINS

Where They Will Make a Stand While Awaiting Promised Aid From the Entente Allies—On the Western Front There is Little Doing—In the East at Least Three or Four Big Battles Are in Progress—The Offensive of the Italians Against the Austrians Continues, But Vienna Reports That it is Meeting With No Success.

London, Nov. 2, 11:40 p. m.—The Austro-Germans and Bulgarians continue their advance in Serbia and daily are drawing closer to Nish, making the position of the Serbian army in the north more precarious. It is believed here, however, that the Serbians will be able to withdraw to the mountains and resist the invaders until the assistance which the allied entente have promised draws some of the pressure from them.

The British and French troops which landed at Saloniki are already doing this in the south and news of Russian contingents, which is variously reported as having landed at Varna, or to be approaching Bulgaria through Rumania, is anxiously awaited.

On the western front, except for some fighting in the Champagne, there is little or nothing doing, but on the eastern front at least three or four big battles are in progress.

The Germans continue their efforts to approach Riga from the west, the Russians are attacking west of Dvinsk and among the lakes south of that city while the attacks and counter-attacks are almost continuous on the Styria river in Holzhof and along the Straits in Galicia. Both sides are claiming the advantage.

The offensive of the Italians against the Austrians also continues, and Vienna reports that it is meeting with no success.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION BY FRENCH WAR OFFICE

Violent Cannoning to the West of Lezin by Both Sides.

Paris, Nov. 2, 10:40 p. m.—The following official communication is issued by the war office tonight:

"A cannonade on both sides, somewhat violent in character, occurred to the west of Lezin, in the region of the Calonne fort. Spirited combats at close quarters continue in the advance of the French army in the sector of Neuville-St. Vaast.

"To the south of the Somme, in the region of Chaumes and Fouquescourt, our artillery concentrated an effective fire on the German trenches and reached enemy groups with the momentary effect of destroying them.

"In the Argonne several German mines were exploded without damage to our works. Our artillery prevented the enemy from occupying the excavations.

"There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

"The Belgian official communication reads: 'Calme prevaleait last night and this morning. Our artillery fired a slight bombardment in the neighborhood of Zuylenhoek, Caeskoek, Saint Jacques, Capelle and the ferryman's house.'

PREMIER ASQUITH IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Cabinet Committee of Three to Five to Conduct the War.

London, Nov. 2, 7:45 p. m.—The prime minister, Mr. Asquith, in the house of commons today, delivered before the largest assembly of the year his wide-heralded and much-discussed statement on the progress of the war. The premier's speech was a characteristic one. His most important declaration was that the war will be conducted by a cabinet of from three to five members which will consult with the full cabinet on questions of the most serious nature.

It is taken for granted that the premier, Lord Kitchener, secretary for war and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, will be members of this council. The plan was expected and seems in the nature of a compromise to meet the criticism that a cabinet of 20 members is unwieldy. With respect to the Dardanelles operations, the premier insisted on taking his full share of the responsibility. These operations, he said, were designated to influence the Balkan situation, open the way for supplies for the Russians and strike a blow at the heart of the Turkish empire. The allied forces at the Dardanelles, Mr. Asquith pointed out, were holding up 200,000 Turks. But he gave no indication of what the future policy would be on this important section of the war front.

SIR EDWARD CARSON STARTS DISCUSSION FOR INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON WAR MATTERS.

London, Nov. 2, 9 p. m.—Sir Edward Carson, who recently returned from the office of attorney general in the cabinet, initiated a discussion in Mr. Asquith's chamber today. The discussion would not have been the premier's first public appearance since his return from the office of attorney general. He was thought to be free to debate in the house.

KING GEORGE WEAK FROM RECENT ACCIDENT

Carried in an Ambulance to Buckingham Palace.

London, Nov. 2.—While King George was in an ambulance train yesterday being conveyed from an unnamed town in France to the coast, it developed today, his director the latest sergeant, Oliver Brooke of the Coldstream Guards, who had just been brought to the royal car and there disclosed his weakness due to his recent accident, the king pinned the medal on the soldier's lapel. He did so lying prone and was so weak that he found it difficult to push the pin from them.

With his face flushed, Sergeant Brooke knelt by the king's bed until the king was able to get up. The king's journey across the channel was exceedingly rough, but his Majesty bore it well. On his arrival at Victoria station he was carried on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance which took him to Buckingham Palace.

WHITLOCK REPORTS ON EXECUTION OF MISS CAVELL

Facts Submitted to Ambassador Page Were Not for Publication.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has transmitted a lengthy report to the United States government reviewing in detail the steps taken by him and the members of his legation staff in connection with the execution of the German military authorities of Miss Edith Cavell, a British nurse.

The report made by him on the subject constituted merely a recital of facts without expression of opinion and that he had submitted them to Ambassador Page at London for his information. In the natural course, the ambassador, reporting on the care of British subjects by American diplomatic officers, transmitted the documents to the British foreign office, which made them public.

"Publication of the letters, Mr. Whitlock says, greatly embarrassed him in Brussels, where the German authorities had submitted them to him on the subject of the execution of the British nurse. He is satisfied with his explanation and has no indication of further difficulty. His position from the time the German occupation of Belgium began was a difficult one, since he had no diplomatic status as minister to Belgium, and is permitted to remain in Brussels only by courtesy of the German commander.

LONDON BANKERS WORK ON AMERICAN EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

Completing a Plan to Stabilize the Exchange Rate.

London, Nov. 2, 3:30 p. m.—It is understood that the committee of bankers and others working on the American exchange problem is nearing completion of a plan, which in the opinion of the few conversant with the details should considerably stabilize the exchange rate on a higher basis than that now ruling.

Exchange dealers are very cautious in their dealings at present and are keeping their hands off the market, pending a definite announcement of the plan. As a consequence of the New York bank transfers were dul, around 4.65 to 4.85 to 4.4.

SHIPS FOR NORWAY TO BE BUILT IN AMERICA

Four Motor Ships for the Oil Trade Have Already Been Ordered.

Christian, Nov. 2, via London, 4:30 p. m.—Norwegian ship brokers are unable to take more orders and now have been forced to allow American companies to handle all orders for new ships. Four motor ships of 5,000 tons each for the oil trade already have been ordered at American shipyards, deliverable in May and two in October. Two turbine steamers of 4,000 tons each at figures totalling \$4,000,000 have been ordered by the Norwegian ship building company of Philadelphia.

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Movements of Steamships.

Sagres, Nov. 1.—Passed: Steamer America, New York for Naples.

Bordeaux, Oct. 29.—Arrived: Steamer Chicago, from New York.

St. Michaels, Nov. 1.—Arrived: Steamer Roma, New York for Providence and Seattle.

Naples, Oct. 27.—Sailed: Steamer St. Paul, for New York.

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Socialist Mayor in Schenectady.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Gov. George F. Linn, former socialist mayor, today was elected by a plurality estimated at 1,600. It is not known what part of the ticket ticket, if any, he carried with him.

Cabled Paragraphs

Turks Capture French Submarine.

Berlin, Nov. 2 (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—According to cable news, the French submarine Turquoise, nearly intact, and probably will utilize the vessel themselves.

Germans Pay Tribute to Herman Ridder.

Berlin, Nov. 2 (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—All the Berlin newspapers today print obituaries of Herman Ridder of New York, whose death is generally regretted. The obituaries pay a special tribute to his merits for truth and a just appreciation of Germany.

FAVOR TRANSPORTATION STRIKE IN BOSTON

Sentiment Expressed by Labor Leaders After Conference with Freight Handlers.

Boston, Nov. 2.—Sentiment in favor of a general transportation strike in this city was expressed by labor leaders after a conference in Mayor Curley's office between representatives of the striking freight handlers of the Boston and Maine, Boston and Albany and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads. Various suggestions involved had failed to result in any agreement. The only concessions made by the companies, it was understood, were that they would receive committees representing the strikers tomorrow afternoon.

Efforts to have the companies agree to submit the demands of the freight handlers for more pay and shorter hours to arbitration failed to result in any agreement. The freight handlers' committee will report the result of the conference to a joint meeting of the Central Labor Union and the strikers' joint council of the freight handlers' strike.

ASKS EXPLANATION FOR SEIZURE OF HOCKING

Ambassador Payne Instructed to Ascertain the Reasons.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Seizure of the American steamship Hocking by a British crew, which has been brought to issue a question on which the positions of the United States and the entente allies are so far apart that some official believe arbitration ultimately will have to be resorted to for settlement.

Secretary Lansing cabled Ambassador Page at London today to secure from the British government an explanation of the seizure of the Hocking and to demand the surrender of the ship. It is fully expected that following this course, the British foreign office will claim the privilege of sending the Hocking to a prize court and as the United States government has no question of human life was concerned, usually has consented to await the decision of the prize court.

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The police do not believe that McNally has told them all he knows about Bosworth. While McNally has said that Bosworth was a British subject, the police have learned that he spent a week at Bosworth's home in Providence, leaving there with him last Wednesday.

PRESIDENT INTERESTED IN ELECTION RETURNS.

Particularly From Massachusetts, Maryland and Kentucky.

Washington, Nov. 2.—President Wilson returned to Washington at 7 o'clock tonight after voting in the Rhode Island election. He spent the evening receiving returns from contests in his own and other states.

Even before casting his ballot in an effort to restore the New Jersey legislature to its democratic column, the president was expected to receive returns from the Massachusetts and Kentucky elections, where governors were chosen today.

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DENY REQUISITIONING OF BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE

Only in Cases Where Emergency of Importance Exists.

London, Nov. 2, 4 p. m.—The following official statement was issued today:

"The board of trade deny rumors that the government contemplate requisitioning the entire British mercantile marine for the war. The board decided to take powers to deal by requisitioning a sufficient number of vessels, with cases where an emergency of national importance exists at any time, in any particular market, owing to absence of tonnage and further regulation of the employment of British shipping in the carriage of cargo between foreign ports by means of licenses."

SALEM, MASS., DISCARDS COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

Had Been in Operation There For Past Two Years.

Salem, Mass., Nov. 2.—The commission form of government which has been in operation in this city for the last two years, an overturn at the state election today. By a vote of 3,142 to 2,677 the city voted to discard the commission form of government and to have a mayor and a city council.

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ROME, VIA PARIS, NOV. 2, 11 P. M.— POPE BENEDICT HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF LETTERS FROM BELGIAN CLERGYMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN BELGIUM REQUESTING HIM TO AID IN SAVING A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH OR TO SERVE LONG TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT.

One letter calculates that sentences aggregating over ten thousand years of imprisonment have been pronounced since Belgium was occupied by the Germans.

OBITUARY.

Frederick L. Buncie.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 2.—Frederick L. Buncie, one of the best known bankers in Hartford, died tonight in a hospital, following an operation performed in October last.

The Phoenix National bank since 1904 and had been connected with the institution for many years. He was famous in his younger days as a baseball player and was a member of the Charter Oak team which toured the country in the eighties. He was 68 years old and unmarried.

More Hartford Machinists to Strike.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 2.—Another strike will be called tomorrow unless the Fillings and Spencer company meets the demands of 250 machinists. The machinists tonight voted to take this action unless the company agrees to the demands of the union.

Man Drowned at New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 2.—John Scott of 97 Madison street, Brooklyn, N. Y., employed on a towboat, fell from the craft at Canal dock tonight and drowned. The body was recovered.

Republicans Win in Bridgeport

LARGEST VOTE EVER

Carried Every District

Providing for Commission Form of Government, Was Carried by Majority of 2,199.

All the Republican Nominations for Aldermen Were Elected—Amendment, Providing for Commission Form of Government, Was Carried by Majority of 2,199.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 2.—Clifford B. Wilson, republican, who is the incumbent governor of Connecticut, was elected mayor for the third term today by a vote of 6,887, the largest vote ever given to a candidate for that office.

Republicans Carried Every District.

For the first time in the history of the city a majority candidate carried every district and all of the republican nominees for aldermen were elected. Henry Lee, citizens' ticket candidate, representative of the city, received 4,373 votes; Jasper McLeavelle, socialist, secured 1,493; and Daniel E. Walker, democrat, polled 3,154.

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Villa Continues to Attack Agua Prieta

GEN. FUNSTON NOW IN COMMAND AT DOUGLAS

BULLETS CROSS BORDER

Rumor That Villa Intended Shelling Douglas Has Caused Apprehension—Private Jones Has Died of Wounds Inflicted by Bullet From Mexican Side.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 2.—With Salvoes of artillery beginning at 2:17 this evening, General Villa apparently began parading tonight for his fifth assault on the Carranza stronghold at Agua Prieta.

Funston Takes Charge.

Three hours before, Major General Funston, who arrived and assumed command in Douglas today, removed the American troops from their trenches on the international boundary. This move, coupled with the fact that Villa intended shelling Douglas and that General Funston was preparing to interfere in Mexico, caused apprehension among the American troops.

Many Women Left the City.

Many women, whose homes were shattered with bullets during the firing around Agua Prieta last night, left the city.

It was stated, however, that no move was contemplated against the fighting Mexican actions unless either were guilty of an overt attempt to endanger American lives and property.

General Funston Endangered.

General Funston in a ride along the United States army border line, was almost killed today when he was shot by stray Mexican bullets.

Civilians Ordered Out of Range.

General Funston earlier in the day ordered all civilians to leave a zone within range of the boundary.

Infantry battalions were shifted to the United States army border line, facing the Mexican battlefront. Four troops of cavalry ordered from Naco, Ariz., arrived this evening. Three other troops of the Thirtieth cavalry have been ordered from Columbus, N. M., to reinforce further the American mounted troops.

Bullets Struck Close to Funston.

Bullets from the Carranza and Villa lines kicked up dust close to Major General Funston and Brigadier General Thomas, who were standing in the middle of the road, in which two American soldiers were wounded to-day.

Houses on the exposed mesa facing the boundary line were cleared of occupants.

Private Harry Jones.

Dies of Wounds.

Received at Agua Prieta—Civilian Taylor in Critical Condition.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 2.—Harry Jones, private in Company C, Eleventh Infantry, died today of wounds inflicted last night by a bullet from the Agua Prieta battle line. Jones was shot in the stomach as he stood near the American supply wagon several hundred yards from the boundary.

Louis F. Taylor, the civilian wounded during the machine gun fusillade on the United States custom house today, was reported in a critical condition tonight. Taylor's spinal column was injured, paralyzing him. The other American victims of Mexican fire were said to be in favorable condition.

NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS FOR FUNSTON

Must Use His Own Judgment About Returning Mexican Fire.

Washington, Nov. 2.—War department officials conferred over General Funston's reports on the situation at Douglas, but no additional orders were issued. The war department's instructions about returning fire into American territory according to the judgment of the commanding general will be left to the discretion of the commanding general.

The Carranza government agency has made public tonight a message from General Calles, commanding the Agua Prieta garrison, saying:

"I am telegraphing General Obregon as follows: 'At this moment military bands parade the streets of Douglas, celebrating the defeat of the Villistas. The battle ended at sunrise today and I have the honor to inform you that the government troops took part in the engagement. The command of the Yaqui Chief Chiralejo and attacked from the west the forces of disorderly rout towards Calladito. I am clearing up the battlefield. The number of enemy dead near our lines exceeds 400.'

CARRANZA TO TREAT BANKING INSTITUTIONS LIBERALLY

In View of the Disturbed Period in Monetary Conditions.

Washington, Nov. 2.—An announcement by the Carranza foreign office today says that although the Mexican government is anxious to make the banks of the country conform to the laws regulating the ratio between note and coin, it will not insist on the banks of Mexico City, at which the main topographical bank is located, to conform to the law in view of the disturbed period in the country's monetary condition.

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Joseph W. Stevens, republican, was elected mayor of Albany, N. Y., defeating Walter F. Van Gieson, democrat and progressive, by an indicated plurality of 8,000.

One thousand cotton textile manufacturers and operators from the southern and New England states gathered at Greenville, S. C., for the Southern Textile exposition.

Fire of mysterious origin caused damage estimated at \$150,000 to the Heifrich saw mill and lumber yard at Evansville, Ind. The plant had not been in operation for several weeks.

Wirt de V. Tassin, a prominent chemist and metallurgist and former director of the United States National Museum, died at Washington of heart failure after several months' illness.

José de Herrera Lugo and Lorenzo Rivera Arce were under arrest at San Francisco, charged with printing and circulating in this country notorious bank notes of the republic of Mexico.

The torpedo boat destroyer O'Brien collided with the torpedo boat destroyer Drayton, anchored off quarantine, New York, carrying away the main topmast, wireless gear and stove on the Drayton.

Arthur W. Krahneder, Charles M. Hoad, Charles B. Hill and John F. Malone were elected city commissioners of Buffalo, N. Y., under the commission form of government in effect, January first. Of the four candidates two are republicans and two democrats.

Tracy Re-elected Democratic Mayor.

Tracy, Nov. 2.—Hiram E. Burr, democrat, was re-elected mayor of this city today over H. W. Gardner, republican, by about 1,200 plurality.

Condensed Telegrams

Gen. Villa is confiscating horses at Jucos.

A Bologna despatch says the Pope is perfecting mediation proposals.

A new Anglo-French expedition to the Balkans is announced by the Berlin Tageblatt.